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1. FOLLOWING A VISIT BY THE SRV AMBASSADOR TRAN MY
ON JUNE 5, FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA DISCLOSED
TO THE PRESS THAT AN INDONESIAN DELEGATION HAD ARRIVED IN
HANOI TO HOLD THREE-DAY TALKS (JUNE 5-7) ON THE CONTINENTAL
SHELF BOUNDARY. THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION, HE SAID, IS BEING
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LED BY THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO HANOI, HARDI, SH, AND
CONSISTS OF OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, MINES, JUSTICE AND DEFENSE. MOCHTAR TOLD THE
PRESS THAT THE TWO SIDES WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS,
DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR OFFICIAL NEGOTIATIONS TO BE
HELD IN JAKARTA, THE DATE FOR WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN
DETERMINED. ON THIS OCCASION, MOCHTAR ALSO INFORMED

TRAN MY THAT INDONESIA WAS PREPARED TO RENEW THE 1956 BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT. NEGOTIATIONS ON THE RENEWAL, HE ADDED, WOULD START FOLLOWING THE TALKS ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY.

2. AMBASSADOR TRAN MY, DURING HIS CALL ON MOCHTAR, REPORTEDLY RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE OVERSEAS CHINESE WHO ARE NOW MOVING FROM VIETNAM INTO MAINLAND CHINA, AND SAID THE MOVE WAS TAKING PLACE BECAUSE THE OVERSEAS CHINESE WERE WORRIED THAT PEKING MIGHT SOON REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE THEIR PRC CITIZENSHIP. THE SRV, TRAN MY REPORTEDLY SAID, IS CURRENTLY "NORMALIZING" ITS ECONOMY AND HE DISMISSED PEKING'S VERSION OF THE EXODUS AS ATTEMPTS TO "INTIMIDATE" VIETNAM. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, TRAN MY'S PRIMARY REASON FOR CALLING ON MOCHTAR WAS TO EXTEND AN INVITATION FOR HIM TO VISIT VIETNAM. MOCHTAR ACCEPTED THE INVITATION, WITH THE DATE TO BE SET LATER.

3. COMMENT. AS INDICATED IN PARA, 1 ABOVE, THE GOI IS LINKING A RENEWAL OF THE BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT, WHICH THE SRV STRONGLY DESIRES, TO WHAT THE INDONESIANS REGARD AS ACCEPTABLE PROGRESS ON THE SEA BOUNDARY TALKS. ON THE OVERSEAS CHINESE ISSUE, THERE HAS BEEN SCANT PRESS COMMENTARY, THOUGH STRAIGHT REPORTING OF THE EXODUS FROM VIETNAM INTO MAINLAND CHINA HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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